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SPRAYING FOR BROWN ROT

The newest thing in spraying in Delaware is the use of arsenate of lead and the self-boiled lime sulphur wash for the control of the brown rot. The United States Department of Agriculture in connection with the Experiment Stations of several of the States, has been working on the problem and a pretty definite recommendation is now made. It is as follows: Spray about the time the caps fall off the fruit with two pounds of arsenate of lead and three pounds of lime to 50 gallons of water. In two or three weeks from this time spray with the self-boiled lime sulphur, with two pounds of arsenate of lead to 50 gallons of the wash. A month later spray with the self-boiled lime sulphur, omitting the arsenate of lead. The arsenate lead paste is mixed with a little water and added to the lime water in the first instance and to the self-boiled lime sulphur in the second. For both the second and the third spraying the self-boiled lime sulphur is made by using 8 pounds of quick lime and 8 pounds of flour of sulphur to 50 gallons of water. The lime is placed in a suitable barrel or other receptacle, and about two or three gallons of cold water is poured over it, and as soon as it begins to slake the moistened sulphur is added. As soon as the slaking is over the mass is cooled by adding cold water and then the spray is diluted to 50 gallons, and strained ready for spraying. No fire is used in this process. Instead of this self-boiled mixture, one and a half gallons of the commercial lime sulphur wash is sometimes used to the 50 gallons of water, and the two pounds of arsenate of lead.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT

WASHINGTON, May 3.—According to estimates by the Crop Reporting board of Bureau of Statistics, made public this afternoon at the Department of Agriculture the area of winter wheat on May 1 to be harvested was about 29,044,000 acres or 714,000 acres (2 1/2 per cent.) more than the area sown last fall (31,094,000 acres). The average condition of winter wheat on the same date was \$2.1 compared with \$0.8 on April 1, \$3.5 on May 1, 1909 and \$5.7 the average for the past ten years on May 1st.

The average condition of rye on May 1st, was \$1.3 compared with \$3.3 on April 1; \$8.1 on May 1, 1909, and \$9.4, the average for the past ten years on May 1st.

80.3 percent of spring plowing was completed up to May 1st, compared with 80.1 on May 1st, 1909 and a ten year average on May 1st, of 66.0 per cent.

5.0 per cent of spring planting was completed up to May 1st, compared with 5.1 per cent on May 1st, 1909, and 1908, respectively.

Didn't Know Beans

A young woman was talking in a restaurant. "You see," she was saying, "it was my first experience in cooking beans. We are so fond of them I wanted to be sure and have enough, so I ordered three pounds at the corner grocer's. This looked about the right amount, and I put them on the range and left them to boil tender. When I went into the kitchen again the range was covered with beans, so was the floor, and out of the kettle poured a steady stream of beans. I took part of them out, added more water, and again left them. If you'll believe it I had to take out three more large portions of beans before the original mass became manageable. So I'm not ordering beans just yet even at a restaurant."

To Protect Birds

The fight to stop the slaughter of birds for use as trimmings on hats is gaining strength, judging from the manner in which the legislatures of a number of states are passing bills favoring the protection of birds. By a vote almost unanimous the New York assembly passed a measure by which the sale of plumage will be forbidden even though the birds were not killed in the state. The New Jersey legislative body, which has been considering an anti-bird slaughter bill for some time, will again renew the fight and in all probability vote favorably on a measure whereby our feathered neighbors may fly at ease and not be shot down to adorn the top of some twentieth century creation.

BERRIES DAMAGED

Charles Owens of Bridgeville, a member of the big fruit-buying firm of Layton and Owens of that place has expressed the opinion that there will not be over half a crop of strawberries in that section this year owing to the damage done by a strange bug which appeared a few weeks ago. Bridgeville is the heaviest strawberry shipping point in the country, and the fact that the yield of strawberries will not be up to the standard is deplored, not only by growers but business men in general of that town.

Mr. Owens does not think that the frost of last week did any damage.

DELAWARE'S POET

THE TRANSCRIPT prints below a charming bit of verse from the versatile pen of Mr. Jerome B. Bell, editor of the *Saturday Star*. The piece not only discloses poetical qualities of a high order, but breathes a truthful devotion not less exalted. It has been as justly as widely admired, having been reprinted from *The Unitarian* in which it first appeared, in scores of newspapers. The *Star's* editor has done other excellent things in verse, and *The Transcript* could wish he might often bestride his Pegasus.

County Has \$78,000 Balance

County Treasurer Robert M. Burns presented to the Levy Court Tuesday the following report of county finances: Credit of the Levy Court, \$78,000.00; special Bond Issue 2, \$50,726.42; Miscellaneous Bonds, \$216.59; Christians, \$294.88; MHI Creek, \$894.54; White Clay Creek, \$321.77; Pencader, \$674.63; New Castle, \$2,126.23; Red Lion, \$498.89; St. Georges, \$4,393.47; Appoquinimink, \$1,163.50; Blackbird, \$1,146.35; Brandywine, \$332.35.

WANT TAXES COLLECTED

Tax collectors for 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908 must settle their accounts within sixty days or the county will proceed against their bondsmen. This action was decided on at the meeting of the Levy Court Tuesday morning. The former tax collectors of Brandywine, Christians, New Castle, Pencader and Red Lion hundreds have \$1500 outstanding for 1905.

Charles A. Rutter, Harry P. Keene, H. M. Perkins, Winfield S. Orr, Isaac S. Talley and William Gardner representing the Holly Oak Public Service Corporation, appeared before the court in opposition to the opening of roads in Brandywine hundred until the present ones are put in better condition. Especially did they object to the proposed piece of road from the Boulevard extended.

E. O. Taylor of Wyoming, and F. R. Moyer representing the Huber Manufacturing Company, addressed the court in reference to the quality of a ten-ton roller manufactured by the company. The members of the court were invited to go on an inspection trip to the company's expense.

On next Tuesday afternoon the Levy Court will go to Harvey Station to inspect the roads in that section of Brandywine hundred. The commissioners will meet en route at Claymont.

FARMERS' DAY

"Farmers' Day" at Delaware College will be held this year on Monday, the 13th of June. This is an annual event for the farmers of the State and others who are interested in the general advancement of Agriculture.

The program of the day will be similar to the previous Farmers' Day. The morning will be spent in a study of the Experimental plots, the orchards, the pure-bred live stock, the new farm buildings, and the general farm equipment. A luncheon will be served to guests at noon, after which Dr. Seaman Knapp will deliver an address. Dr. Knapp is, perhaps, as well-known in the agricultural world as any man engaged in the improvement of agricultural practice. He is a pleasing speaker, and has consented to leave his work in the South long enough to give the day to the farmers of Delaware.

It is hoped that every man who lives on a farm in Delaware will plan to give himself Monday, June 13th, spend it at the State farm, and see what Delaware College has that will be of assistance in improving his farm products.

Will Be Heard From

The man who handles the local department of a newspaper learns after due experience not to expect even briefly expressed thanks from a column of pleasant things, but he knows as surely as corneth the winter that a single line in which there is an unintentional representation will cause some one to be heard from as if from a home top. And we may add that when he has made pleasant mention 999 times of some person, place or thing, he must not expect to be forgotten. The omission may have been from accident, inadvertence or even an entire lack of knowledge. It matters not. The simple fact remains and he will be judged by that.

Horsemen to Save Animals

SAVED, DEL. May 10th.—Claiming their horses are being badly-treated and always driven further than they are hired to go, the liverymen of the Delaware and Maryland penitentiaries are pushing a movement to organize a Liverymen's Association for the purpose of catching any person that may mistreat a team. The liverymen intend to co-operate in every way to help their cause. They say that when they hire a team to be driven to another town, the driver should be compelled to report to a liveryman of that town who will report it to the liveryman owning the team. In this way they think it possible to end the ill-treatment given their horses by strangers who hire a team to go ten miles and generally drive twenty.

Killed on the Rail

Either falling or slipping as he stepped from his train, at Elmers Junction, shortly before 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, Frank L. Palmer, aged 45 years, a freight conductor on the P. & R. railroad was ground beneath the wheels of the train and died within a few minutes. The train was slowing up to make the usual stop at Elmers when the fatality occurred. There were no eye witnesses to the tragedy and the first the members of the train crew knew of it was when they saw the mangled remains of the conductor alongside the track.

Palmer was one of the best known men in the employ of the P. & R. Railroad Company, having been in the service of the company for eighteen years. He lived at Birdboro, Pa., where he has a wife and two children. The body was shipped to that city.

HE TOOK ALL

One of our exchanges tells of an old German who had a boy of whom he was very proud, and decided to find out the trend of his mind. He adopted a novel method by which to test him. He slipped into the boy's room one morning and placed on his table a bottle of whiskey, a Bible and a silver dollar. "Now," said he, "when the boy comes in if he takes the dollar he's going to be a bezzie man; if he takes the Bible he's going to be a preacher; if he takes the whiskey he's no good and going to be a drunkard." Then he hid behind a door to see which his son would choose. In came the boy whistling, took the dollar and the bottle and put it in his pocket, and went out smoking his pipe. The Dutchman poked his head out from behind the door and exclaimed: "Mein Got, he is going to be a holstician."

HOG CHOLERA

A recent outbreak of hog cholera occurred at Fort Delant, Delaware City, and Dr. Charles F. Dawson, the state veterinarian, was sent for and applied the anti-hog cholera serum to 29 hogs and saved 23 of them.

The preventive serum for this disease was discovered by the Bureau of Animal Industry a few years ago and this Bureau has since endeavored to interest all state governments in its production.

Many of the states have, as a result of the agitation and demonstration of the great value of the serum, provided funds for the purpose, in some instances as much as eight to ten thousand dollars have been appropriated.

The serum is comparatively costly to produce and one state makes a charge of fifty cents for serum enough to protect a 150 pound hog. This serum will not cure hog cholera than vaccination will cure smallpox, but it will prevent it.

Given a drove of hogs which are dying of cholera two or three a day, the veterinarian can by injecting the proper dose under the skin check the deaths in a few days. Or, given a drove in which hog cholera does not exist, the drove can be protected absolutely against infection. Such protected hogs can live with, and can eat the carcasses of hogs dead from cholera without contracting the disease. They are absolutely immune.

As the Bureau of Animal Industry could not, for obvious reasons, undertake to furnish the various states with the serum, representatives of the state were invited to witness the method of its production at the hog cholera farm near Ames, Iowa, and were furnished enough virulent hog cholera virus to start serum production.

The Delaware State Board of Agriculture sent its veterinarian to witness these demonstrations and he has since successfully produced the serum at the Delaware College Experiment Station. The quantity produced will, owing to lack of funds and the necessary accommodations for such work, be very limited. Enough has been done in this line, however, to convince the Board that it is one of the most important lines of work it could carry out. In the half dozen or more outbreaks in which the serum has been used, great benefits have been conferred. A considerable quantity of the serum is now ready for use.

FARMERS' BOYS AND GIRLS

Within recent years a new method of agricultural education has been devised in the form of boys' and girls' clubs. Such clubs have various objects, but usually they provide for prize contests among the members. Corn growing contests are probably the most common among the boys, although many other crops have been tried, while the girls compete in breadmaking or sewing or even test their skill against that of the boys in gardening. The United States department of agriculture has information of 395 counties in twenty-eight states in which such clubs are organized, with a total membership of about 144,000. New York has about 76,000 members, Nebraska 25,000 and other states smaller numbers. One county in Pennsylvania has 2,000 members. In most cases three clubs are organized under the auspices of some state authority, but in many cases the county superintendent takes the initiative, while in many other cases the rural teachers arrange contests among their own pupils.

The United States department of agriculture also gives assistance through the office of experiment stations by furnishing advice and suggestions. A new farmers' bulletin on boys' and girls' agricultural clubs tells how to organize the clubs, how to conduct the contests and what publications will be useful to the boys and girls.

HEENAN-SAYERS FIGHT

The contest between these two "bruisers" for the championship of the world, took place at Farnborough about forty-nine miles from London, on the 17th ult. Home and other admirers of Heenan contended that he is entitled to the belt. A passenger on the Vanderbilt, which arrived at Cape Race on Saturday with the earliest news of the fight, says there were 42 rounds, lasting two hours and twelve minutes. On the 39th round the mob broke into the ring to save Sayers. He was knocked down 27 times and fell several times to escape punishment, and at every clutch, save one, he was thrown. Heenan was never knocked down, came to the scratch every time and showed good humor and an honest love of the game. The English men said they never saw so gritty a man for his age. On the last call of time Heenan came up but the referee left. Sayers was sitting on his second's knee. Heenan said:—"Give me this fight." And again, "Give me this fight!" but Sayers made no reply. Heenan then drew back and slapped Sayers in the face with the palm of his hand, knocking him down, when outlanders rushed in and ended the fight. Mr. Wilkes called on the Americans to see fair play, and they rushed in and cleared the ring of the English in a moment, striking out from the shoulder. Somebody called the fight a draw battle, but the Spirit of the Times says John C. Heenan won the belt.—*Cecil Whig*, 50 years ago.

He Will Succeed

A young man with a practical knowledge in his head, skill in his hands and health in his body is his own letter of references. Mix him up with sixty millions of others, and you will find him again, as he will have a habit of being on top. Throw him naked into a desert island and he will be at the head of something. He does not go whining over the land, blaming fortune and saying he has no chance, and goes out and does something better. Men that can do things either with head or hands, are the men the world is clamoring for.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

It is the experience of dairymen that alfalfa is far superior to timothy hay for cows, and that they may be fed all the alfalfa they will consume, and that a mixture consisting of 400 pounds of ground corn; 300 pounds of bran or oats supplemented with alfalfa very well. Seven or eight pounds of this combination is sufficient to produce one pound of fat when fed with all the good alfalfa hay an animal will consume. If the droppings of the animal seem somewhat dry do not hesitate to recommend the use of one pound of oilmeal per day.

Pay attention to the cow's health. If her teats are sore, if there is any discoloration or unusual feature about the milk, do not mix it with the rest.

Remember that you are dealing with a living machine, and that therefore kind and quiet treatment will produce more milk with less trouble than harsh methods.

Observe cleanliness in all things. Make sure that the milking utensils are above reproach. Cleanse the cow's udder and your own hands before commencing to milk.

Take care that the buildings in which milking is carried on are well aired and free from avoidable dust. Fresh air and sunlight should be constantly admitted, and litter or food should not be handled during the milking hour.

Be punctual. The cow knows as well as you when the hour has arrived for milking, and delay will not only cause a diminution of her yield, but also a decrease of fat percentage.

Observance of these rules should lead to the largest amount of milk, with the greatest proportion of butter fat, at a minimum of trouble to the milker.

Large seed germinate more promptly and the plants are usually more vigorous. This does not mean that the resultant crop will be larger. Experiments at State College, Pa., indicate that large seed of cabbage does not always produce the largest crop. Good parentage is of greater importance than mere size of seed.

A man who has established for himself an enviable reputation as a breeder of pure bred dairy cattle says that any practical farmer with a herd of 10 cows can afford to hand his herd with a pure bred sire of unquestionable merit. In buying these bulls many consider the price as the most important thing. If they can save a few dollars the matter of registration or record of performance on the part of the ancestry matters little. These vital points are entirely lost sight of. The fact that a bull is registered does not necessarily make him better, although in the majority of instances it is guaranteed that he comes from good ancestry. When the influence of the bull upon the future herd is taken into consideration, it will be seen that too much importance cannot be attached to the production of his ancestry. A bull is said to transmit most strongly the traits of his dam and grand dam and herein lies the importance of registration, especially such registration as takes into consideration authenticated production. Remember that the bull is an extremely important part of the herd, that a few dollars spent here will return many times every year in the increased value and production of his ancestry.

Never breed a ewe lamb until past its first birthday.

The flock should be regularly and liberally fed, as it will pay in the wool alone. It is claimed that sheep fed a small quantity of flaxseed once a week are not likely to suffer with colic.

A big outlay of cash is not necessary to go into the breeding of pure-bred pigs. The person who begins in a small way, usually finishes up in good shape and makes a success.

There seems to be an intimate connection between the price of corn and of hogs, and the intelligent farmer will weigh these prices carefully before deciding to cut out hogs and sell corn.

If hocks of sheep are well trimmed there is much less danger of infection from foot rot. When the disease gets into the hoof it is hard to get rid of. Walk through a shallow trough containing a solution of one pound of chloride of lime to twelve quarts of water. Have this about four inches deep in the trough. Then separate the diseased sheep from the well ones and keep them separated until the disease is stamped out.

THE CENSUS RETURNS

The task of tabulating the great mass of population statistics within a reasonable length of time would be substantially impossible were it not for modern machine methods. The machines to be used at the census of 1910 rest on the same general principles as those used in 1900, and to some extent have been made so that the work can be done much more cheaply and rapidly than ever before.

The necessity for elaborate machinery lies in the fact that the different characteristics of the population must be presented in various combinations with one another. Were it necessary merely to count the number of persons who possess each given characteristic, without reference to their other characteristics, the tabulation would require either no machinery or at the most exceedingly simple machinery. To illustrate: Suppose the facts recorded regarding individuals are sex, color, native or foreign birth, marital condition, and age. Obviously only the simplest of systems would be necessary to count the number of males and the number of females, the number of whites and the number of colored, the number born in the United States and the number born abroad, the number married, single or widowed, and the number of each age. When, however, it is desired to know these facts in combination,—for example, to know how many white males, born abroad, of a given age, are married; or how many colored persons, born in the United States, of a given age, are single,—much more complex methods of tabulation become necessary. As a matter of fact, the number of subjects covered is far greater than those named. There are indeed several thousands of combinations of facts which have to be presented.

In order to do this work economically, the system of punched cards is employed. For each of the approximately 90,000 persons a separate card is prepared. Each card has spaces by which every possible characteristic of the individual disclosed by the census schedules can be shown. It has, for example, one space for male and another for female; another set of spaces (called a "field") distinguishing white, negro, mulatto, Indian and Chinese; another giving the possible years of age; another the possible countries of birth, and the like. A small round hole is punched, indicating the proper fact with regard to each person, in each of these fields. By running these cards through the tabulating machines, which make electric contacts through the holes punched, the facts regarding population can be recorded in any desired series of combinations.—*Review of Reviews*.

A PRAYER

Oh God, whose law controls the blazing sun
And all the countless orbs that ceaseless run
From out Thy hand, like chaff before the wind,
Make me to know Thy will, oh Mighty One!

Make me to know the Truth, whatever it be;
Lead me to do the Right, and show to me
How I may rise to Thy celestial height,
And be from Error and its evil free.

Oh give me courage to pursue the way
That I should go. Let naught my progress stay;
Nor fear, nor pride, nor selfishness, nor greed
Turn me aside or cause me to delay.

I am so weak; I would be strong and true;
Thy purpose I would know; and if I knew
How I might live the best of life to make,
Whatever should be done, I'd try to do.

I am so blind; I can not see the Light;
With halting steps I grope, as though
I were night;
Yet all around I feel the glow of day;
Touch Thou my clouded eyes and give me sight.

Guide me along the path the Teacher trod;
Let Thou my feet with faith like his be shod;
Fill Thou my heart and soul with love of Right;
Thus nearer shall I come to Thee, oh God!

Mrs. Youngwife—What have you ever done to prove your love for me? Mr. Youngwife—Darling, I've contracted a lovely case of chronic dyspepsia.—*Judge*.

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Going South—7:25 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 4:45 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going North—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:25 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 4:45 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 9 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m., 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 14, 1910

Local News

Strawberries.
Straw has or overcast?
Soon be swimming time!
Hally's Comet attracts attention.
Spring chickens will soon be "ripe."
There is nothing new under the sun but to-morrow, and that never comes.
FOR RENT—Pneumatic Cleaner. Makes housecleaning easy. J. H. EMMONS.
Pictures framed to order at half-price.
BURMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE.
FOR RENT.—The "Solway Stable" East end of Main street. G. E. HICKILL.
I pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of fur. W. C. JONES.
Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.
FOR SALE.—A Deering binder, 7-foot cut, in good condition; will be sold cheap. Apply to D. R. REES.
Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of poultry and eggs. W. C. JONES.
The average boy is beginning to think that the best thing about school is the vacations.
The local lodge of Red Men has added 15 new members to its roster during the past month.
T. V. Leontar announces that he is prepared to do paperhanging, gilding and finishing.
Widow Lady wants a Situation as Housekeeper. Apply to box 67, Cecilton, Md.
The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company will discontinue its branch office in Middletown about June 1st.
The residence of Mr. Charles P. Cochran on South Broad street, has been brightened with a new coat of paint.
LAUNDRY.—Send your laundry to Turner Bros., Wilmington, for first-class work. J. WILLIAM BEASTON, Agent.
If you have a visitor or any news items we would be pleased if you would do us the kindness to pass it into the paper.
All kinds of fresh and salt Meats, Sausages, Scapple and Lard constantly on hand. W. C. JONES.
Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 25th:
Our personal column can be made more complete and interesting if our readers will send notices of entertainments and visitors.
FOR SALE.—Earlans and Stone Tomato plants at W. T. Connelley's store and George Davis' store in Odessa.
GEORGE W. KOHL.
FOR RENT.—8-room house, with bath, heat in cellar, electric lights, and all conveniences. Porch, large yard and garden. Possession given at once. Apply to This Office.
FOR SALE.—The well-known "Cochran" variety sweet corn at \$2.50 per bushel or 10 cents per quart at EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.
Have just received 10 tons of Sugarbeet Dairy Feed and 20 tons Sugarbeet Horse Feed. We would be pleased to have your orders. MIDDLETOWN FARMS, INC.
If the rain storm predicted arrive on time, those who are unable to swim, had better hire or buy a boat, as they are liable to get drowned.
We now have on hand for sale 3000 good chestnut vine fence posts. Let us have your order and we will reserve the posts for you until you are ready to use them. J. F. McWHORTER & SON.
The old match factory near the Newark station, recently used for the manufacture of fireworks, was burned this morning with its contents, entailing a heavy loss.
Have your Live Stock Insured against death from any cause, in the Indiana & Ohio Live Stock Insurance Co. For rates write to JOHN J. JOSE, Agent, Middletown, Delaware.
After paying all expenses the young ladies of Queen Esther Circle, under whose auspices the two comedies were presented in the Opera House last Friday evening, cleared \$75.00.
More than seventy-five thousand farmers in this country own automobiles. With good roads, telephones and rural mail deliveries, our farmer is coming to his own in the United States.
Mr. Minor C. Smith of Wilmington will address the M. E. Sunday School at Summit Bridge, tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at two o'clock. All young people are requested to attend.
Whether peaches will be plentiful or scarce as in former years is the question which is now occupying the speculative line-light at this time in Delaware. Fruit growers declare that a large yield is expected.
Constantly on hand, all sizes of the Best Veneer and Best Prepared Hard Coal, for Heaters, Ranges and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also Cord Wood sawed to stove length, \$2.00 for cordwood. If you have not been using our coal, try it and be happy. G. E. HICKILL.
PREPARE FOR WINTER'S COMFORT by giving your orders now for WILBUR'S CELEBRATED HIGH-GRADE LEHIGH COAL for April delivery TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE at special prices. ALWAYS IN STOCK. Satisfaction guaranteed. FREE FROM DIRT. Cord Wood sawed to fit your stove. Phone 5. JAMES L. SHEPHERD.
Although land prices on the Peninsula have been gradually rising for some time, a noticeable impetus to real estate values has followed the inauguration of the system of State roads. In many cases prices have more than doubled, and stretches of farming country considered undesirable, even in recent years, are being developed.
The annual meeting of the Jr. Auxiliary of the Diocese of Delaware will be held in St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, on Saturday, May 21st. The delegates from St. Anne's Parish will be Miss Misses June Johnson and Estelle Cochran. Besides the delegates from the local Jr. Auxiliary, and several teachers and members will attend.

Our May reduction sale of all our Millinery starts on Saturday, May 14th. A. FOSTER.
The gross receipts of the strawberry festival held in the Opera House Thursday evening under the auspices of Bethesda Chapter Methodist Brotherhood amounted to \$35.00.
Mr. W. F. Keith of Smyrna, has rented the store room on East Main street, recently vacated by Walter Moore, where he will open a confectionary store, and ice cream parlors, about June 1st.
Mr. W. D. Bradford brought to town on Thursday the first crate of home-grown strawberries to be picked by a local grower. The berries were sold to W. T. Connelley and were the finest seen here this season.
Lovers of good music should not fail to attend the musicals given under the auspices of the Ladies' Mite Society of Forest Presbyterian Church, at the home of Mr. Alexander Metten on Tuesday evening next. Tickets, 35 cents.
While cranking his automobile at Townsend Wednesday evening, Mr. W. Harman Reynolds had the small bone in his right wrist broken. While the injury is quite painful, Mr. R. is congratulating himself over his escape from a more serious accident.
The 26th anniversary of Old St. Anne's Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, June 12th. Rev. F. J. Kline, M. S. T. D., assisted by the rector, Rev. P. L. Donaghy, and perhaps some visiting members of the clergy, will have charge of the service.
Mrs. Julian Ford entertained the 500 Card Club at her pleasant new home on Cochran street last Friday afternoon. About twenty members were present and had a good time. Mrs. Ford showed her guests over her pretty home which courtesy was appreciated.
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Sounds too good to be true, yet it's so. They are \$3.00 and \$4.00 Boys' Suits, we are selling for \$1.50 and \$2.00. It's the same in Men's Clothing. We are going to quit the Clothing business, plenty sizes in Men's, Young Men's and Boys' Suits. You'll not have a chance again like this. J. B. MESSICK.
If you want something to take the place of Ice Cream at a little cheaper rate, we can now supply you with what we know as "Frosts" at 60 cents per gallon in lots of 50 or more. Stock flavors are Vanilla, Chocolate, Lemon, Pineapple and Strawberry.
MIDDLETOWN FARMS, INC.
"Little bud of promise, thine eyes are of blue, and two sweet for tears." Thus spoke J. Elwood Denny of Port Penn, one day recently to THE TRANSCRIPT scribe over the phone, just after looking into the face of his bright-eyed boy girl. All a fond mother's hope and joy is centered in this darling babe.
"MOTHERS' DAY" OBSERVED
Mothers' Day was observed generally Sunday in the homes, Sunday schools and churches of the entire country by special services and by the wearing of the white carnation, symbolizing purity, beauty and fragrance, attributes of every true mother. The business man, the professional man and the clergyman—all united in doing honor to the mothers of the race.
The day was observed in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Middletown with appropriate services.
The idea of observing Mothers' Day by the wearing of the white carnation was originated several years ago by Miss Anna Jarvis, of 2811 Twelfth street, Philadelphia. It occurred to her that to be a beautiful tribute to all mothers, living as well as the dead, if their children, on a given day, would unite in the simple wearing of a white flower. Since its origin the scope of the observance has widened each year.
VETERINARIANS ORGANIZED
At a meeting of veterinary surgeons from all parts of the State, and with a number of visitors, held at the Clayton House in Wilmington Wednesday night, the Delaware Veterinarian Society was formed to promote the profession in this state and to form a closer social tie among the members. Following the meeting the members were served luncheon.
Dr. H. P. Eves, of Wilmington, was elected president; Dr. C. E. Dawson, of Newark, vice-president; Dr. A. S. Houchin of Newark, secretary and treasurer; Dr. J. E. Maloney, of Wilmington; H. B. McDowell, Middletown, and F. W. Ruhl, Milford, the board of trustees.
Dr. H. H. Houchin, of Philadelphia; Clarence J. Marshall, of the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. W. S. Rhodes, of Lancaster, Pa.; and E. H. Lantz, of Chester, all of the Pennsylvania society, attended the meeting and took an important part in the formation of the new society.
The Flag Campaign
The Delaware Anti-Tuberculosis Society appreciates the work and assistance of the residents of the State, and the Society is asking for assistance in the sale of these flags.
The New Century Club will have them for sale and may be considered headquarters for its supply in Middletown. It is hoped that all our public schools, public buildings and lodges will use these for decoration purposes on Memorial Day.
This is the first movement of the kind to be organized for simultaneous activity, and if the people of this State respond generously to this as they did to the Christmas Cheque movement, the management will have much to be thankful for. Information and supplies may be had from either the local Century Club or the office of the Secretary, No. 1 West 5th street, Wilmington.
Dead Man Identified
The body of the man killed on the Delaware railroad between Armstrong and Middletown early on Friday morning has been identified as that of Harry G. Scott, aged 30 years, who was employed as a mail carrier at Greenwood. Scott was in Wilmington on Wednesday night visiting his brother, John Scott, No. 427 East Third street. The coroner said that the victim had been in the habit of making trips to Wilmington on freight trains and while returning home he probably fell from a train and was ground to death. Mrs. Scott, mother of the dead man, lives at Cheswood.
A New Strawberry
Just as we were going to press, Mr. E. J. Steele, our florist, presented us with a quart of fine strawberries raised by him, and known as "Steele's Seedling." 27 berries filled the box, and they were as luscious as large. Want of space forbids further notice of this fine fruit.
For Register of Wills
Mr. Henry Thompson has announced himself as a candidate for Register of Wills of New Castle county, subject to the decision of the Republican party. Mr. Thompson has a large number of friends and would make a strong candidate if favored with the nomination.

PERSONALS

Mrs. T. S. Fournace is visiting Wilmington relatives.
Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis spent this week at Atlantic City.
Mrs. Laura Dutton spent Sunday with her parents near Odessa.
Miss Mary C. Gill was in Wilmington and Philadelphia on Tuesday.
Mrs. Mollie Chandler, of Smyrna, spent Thursday with Miss Mary Gith.
Mrs. Walter Beaton and children are guests of her parents near Newark.
Miss May Holten has been visiting Mrs. J. W. Clayton, in Chesapeake City.
Miss Anna Talbot, of Olayton, visited Miss Ada Scott Friday and Saturday.
Miss Nellie Alfons, of Backenridge, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma Walker.
Mr. Harry Manlove spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Benjamin Hall, in Warwick, Md.
Miss Frances Trinit, of Wilmington, spent several days with Miss Ada Scott, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker visited relatives in Merchantsville, N. J., the first of this week.
Miss Lenora Davis spent one day last week with Miss Mary Reed, in Chesapeake City.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Downs, of Kenton, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meachick.
Miss Mary Price, of McDonough, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Wilhelm Price.
Mr. Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. Samuel Price and family over Sunday.
Mrs. Edward Armstrong and children, of near Odessa, spent Saturday with Mrs. Corbit Vinyard.
Mrs. W. J. H. Lingo, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sisters, the Misses Merritt, on Crawford street.
Mr. W. A. Truit, of Milford, spent Saturday and Sunday with his son, Mr. Ernest Truit and wife.
Mrs. Hattie R. Elison and daughter Edith are spending two months in Audubon, N. J., with relatives.
Mrs. Louise Moore has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest G. Wiedel, in West Chester, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. James Crook are spending with someone with their daughter, in Wilmington and Philadelphia.
Miss Bertha Flowers, of Centerville, Md., spent several days the first of the week with Miss Lulu Vinyard.
Mr. M. A. Hall, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Moore, at the manse.
Mrs. William Robinson, of near Smyrna, spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Roberts.
Mrs. James Redgrave and daughter Mildred spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Redgrave, in Middle Neck, Md.
Rev. F. L. Donaghy and two sons, Masters Percy and Edwin, were guests of Bishop F. J. Klineham, in Wilmington, on Friday.
Mrs. Maxey Bland and children, of near town, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. William Vinyard, in Warwick, Md.
Miss Mary Maloney, of Cherry Grove, and Miss Anna McCloskey, of Summit Bridge, spent part of last week with Miss M. E. Maloney, on North Broad street.
Mrs. John Bender, of near Warwick, and guest, Mrs. Sarah Shockley, of Milford, and Miss Sallie Crossland, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Crossland, on Sunday.
Mr. M. J. Darlington entertained over Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Green, Mr. and Mrs. Xenie Moore, and Miss Florence Moody, of State Road.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB

The Retiring President Wished the Club Prosperity
The last regular meeting of the New Century Club for the year was held on Tuesday, May 10th, at the Club rooms, when the retiring President, Mrs. Rebecca P. Cann, gave a resume of the year's work, telling how each chairman of the standing committees had helped by doing her own part so faithfully. On handing the gavel to the incoming President, Mrs. Clara B. Green, President; Mrs. Josephine Biggs, 1st Vice-President; Miss Clara C. Green, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Hutchins, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mollie Sutton Foot, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Shepherd, Treasurer; Mrs. Sylvia W. Burris, Auditor.
After the installation, a social time was passed, during which ice cream, strawberries and cake were served.
Mrs. Cann has been an exceedingly popular president and the members of the Club are sorry to lose her, but they extend a cordial welcome to the new president.
The chairman of the standing committees had one day during the year in which to give a program on her particular line of work.
At the first meeting, October 12th, a receptionist with social features in charge of the club hostess, Miss Eliza C. Green, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Green.
On October 19th, an excellent report of the State Federation was given by Miss Mary Hutchins, and several papers, "The Tourists," in charge of Miss Ethel Brady.
On November 24th, Mr. William Wright gave readings from Shakespeare. Mr. Wright's readings are always enjoyed by the Club members.
November 9th was "Library Day," in charge of Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, chairman of the Library Committee. Mrs. Hoffecker gave a paper on "Our State Libraries," and a book review "The Inner Shrine," was given by different members.
November 23rd, "Social Service Day," was in charge of Mrs. A. W. Derrickson, chairman. Miss Emily F. Bissell of Wilmington, who is State Chairman of Social Service, gave a talk.
November 30th was "Educational Day," Mrs. C. J. Freeman, chairman. Rev. V. S. Collins of Bethesda M. E. Church, was present and addressed the ladies with his talk on Education.
On December 7th, the Odessa Monday Club was entertained. Rev. A. E. Clay of Wilmington, was present and gave a talk.
December 14th was "Arts and Crafts Day," Miss Laura E. Willis, chairman. An interesting display of women's work was shown.
December 28th, "Junior Day," was in charge of Miss Green and Miss Brady, and a party was given for the little folks.
On January 25th, a musical was given by Miss Mary Hutchins, Chairman of the Music Committee. As usual Miss Hutchins gave a very delightful program.
On February 1st, Miss Beattie S. Anderson, Chairman of Household Economics, gave a delightful display of things good not only to look at but to eat.
The "Birthday Party" on February 8th was a decided success. The visitors from a distance were entertained at lunch at the Club, and the program was a most pleasant program was given at the Club room in the form of a comedy, after which tea was served.
On May 3d the election of officers was held, and on May 10th, the installation. "Happy have we met, happy have we been. Happy may we part and happy meet again."
Clean Up Your Back Yard
One of our fine Middletown housekeepers, while saying a hearty amen to our "fly" article, herself ventured a word on the mosquito nuisance, from which she has suffered for many years. Every case, thanks to a neighbor who persists in breeding the pests for her.
THE TRANSCRIPT will take the above for a "Pet Sermon No. 10." The common mosquito whose official name is "Anopheles Fasciata," seldom goes more than a yard from its birthplace, so if you keep your back yard clean and free from stagnant water, you can keep the mosquitoes from coming near you. They breed in old tin cans, soda cans, and all sorts of accumulations of water, and empty or cover them, there would soon be no mosquitoes in town. Yet, as the mosquito is a serious menace to health as the source of "chills and fever," it is an illustration of the benefits of "protection." How would it do to form a "Blue parties" of neighbors, every one in the block, agreeing for mutual benefit, to rid his or her own premises of breeding places?
Then on general principles of sprucing up, yards, clean up the junk. Every pile of decaying stuff of all sorts to promote good looks and smell—this breaking up of mosquito breeding spots is advisable, and it is a pleasure to bear in mind the pest question.

ODESSA

Mr. James Keegan was a Wilmington visitor last week.
Mr. T. Bayard McClain was a Wilmington visitor last week.
Mrs. Harry Ward is the guest of relatives in Oberlin, Pa., this week.
Miss Florence Perry is spending some time with relatives in Wyoming.
Miss Helen Watkins, of Blairstown, N. J., is spending a few days at home.
Mr. L. Harris and daughter Mildred spent several days in Wilmington.
Mrs. C. H. Appleton is the guest of friends in Berwyn, Pa., this week.
Mr. Thomas Ford was a visitor in Trenton, N. J., several days this week.
Miss Margaret Greenminger is spending some time with relatives in Delanco, N. J.
Mr. C. Everett Rose visited his brother, Mr. Harry Rose, in Delaware City, Sunday.
Rev. J. H. Gray and wife entertained his father, Mr. S. Gray, of Newark, Saturday, last week.
Miss Nellie Kern, of Wilmington, teacher of the blind, spent several days in town this week.
Miss Neva Ward, of Chester, Pa., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, last week.
Rev. J. H. Gray and wife were guests of friends in Rowlandville, Md., several days this week.
Miss May C. Enos was the guest of Wilmington and Philadelphia relatives several days this week.
Mr. Devanagh Rhodes, of Wilmington, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes, last week.
Mr. Thomas Higgins, of New York City, was a visitor at the home of Mr. D. W. Corbit, on Sunday.
Mr. Harry Snyder, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. George Whitlock, last week.
Mr. A. Hayden and family, of Philadelphia, visited Mr. J. W. McCoy and family Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Alice McCoy spent several days this week with her cousin, Miss Patton Cochran, near Middletown.
Mrs. Annie Corbit and little daughter are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gibson this week.
Mr. James Ford, of near Dover, was a visitor at the home of his brother, Mr. Thomas Ford and wife, last week.
The many friends of Mr. C. Norris Lloyd were shocked to learn of his death, which occurred in Wilmington last week. Washington Camp, No. 11, P. O. S. of A. will hold a Strawberry Festival on the school grounds, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 17th and 18th. Come and invite your friends.

MIDDLETOWN BOY'S SUCCESS

Robert T. Cochran An Expert Commission Merchant
THE TRANSCRIPT is pleased to note the large success that Mr. Robert T. Cochran, a former resident of our town and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran, has won in the commission business in New York City, where he has been located for over ten years. We print below an article from *The Fruitman's Guide* of New York City, which pays him a high and well deserved compliment as an expert fruit commission merchant, adding the statistical reasons for his praise.
Many friends in this community who are aware of his honorable business methods, and his skill and industry in managing his affairs, are not surprised at reading these words of commendation. THE TRANSCRIPT wishes him a long continuance of his prosperity—and more of it.
The announcement made by Robert T. Cochran & Co. in this week's issue of the *Guide* will certainly be of the greatest interest to independent shipper-growers in all sections finding an outlet in the New York market. The figures presented by the firm are absolutely authentic and tell their story in the most eloquent manner possible. That one firm should in one season handle 49,029 crates of Georgia peaches and 30,697 crates of Missouri peaches, besides 200 straight cars from other States, is a most remarkable showing and is only possible in the case of a man who, like Mr. Cochran himself, has grown up with the peach business and has made the marketing of that fruit a close and personal study.
As a salesman of peaches Mr. Cochran has no superior on the New York market and it is universally conceded even by his keenest competitors that as a peach peddler he is right at the top of the ladder.

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This is the time housekeepers say it is hard to get something for desserts. We believe we could help you if you will try a can of our Del Monte Brand of white cherries, apricots and Lemon Cling peaches, 3 lb. can 20c; they are delicious, put up in heavy syrups. Also a nice line of canned vegetables, meats, soups, baked beans, etc.
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Olives, stuffed and plain; did you see our 20 oz. bottle at 25c. Fresh cakes in every week. Bread and pies in daily from the best bakeries.
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Th' Best o' Friend

BY W. CAREY WONDERLY

There! cried Mabel gayly, with a quick, dazzling smile which took in everybody on the station platform. I wonder what this burg's got in store for the Four Flying Zenos?

Why, all kinds of good things, sure! laughed Will. That ain't a hard one.

I should say not, echoed Fred, glancing proudly at the pretty woman beside him. We'll make 'em sit up and take notice, eh, girls?

Give 'em something to talk about, added Will. If we don't make a ten-strike, it's because they don't know a classy act when they see one. How's that?

Grand! sighed Mabel, clasping her hands ecstatically. Oh, you're so encouraging—thanks, awfully!

She closed her blue eyes for a moment, then, opening them suddenly, shot a radiant glance at the fat drummer with the sample cases, whereupon he promptly dropped the cases on his feet.

They boarded a trolley-car at the depot. It was Sunday morning, bright and clear and crisp. The Four Flying Zenos had just arrived in town from Philadelphia, where they had played the week before, and where, in the parlance of vaudeville, their act had gone big. They were acrobats, people who, beginning in a small way, had by their really clever work, risen in their profession until now their names were gracing the best bills in the country and being prominently displayed in the advertisements.

They were proud of their success, and pardonably so, for the two men had begun at the lowest rung of the ladder, and Mabel and Dora, not so long ago, had worked in a cotton mill in Connecticut. Away from the theater, Fred was Mabel's husband, and Dora was her sister.

Will had been Fred's pal before the other had gone and married the pretty millhand, two years before. They were the best of friends, all of them, and their life was happy and care-free, if at times monotonous.

When the car stopped, Will helped Mabel aboard, jumped in himself and Dora followed with a stack of magazines and papers. Then Fred, with the conductor's help, fell in with the two suit-cases. Fred laughed good-naturedly, and Mabel laughed, and Will laughed, and some of the passengers laughed; but Dora sat stiffly erect, her long, dark lashes hiding the smoldering flame in her eyes.

Brush your knees off, Freddy, giggled Mabel. What's the matter with you, Dora? Who are you mad with? And she laughed merrily.

Dora looked up and forced a smile. I'm not mad with anybody, she said.

At their boarding house they were greeted by the landlady with smiles and good wishes and congratulations. Mabel, now that the Four Flying Zenos were making big money and being featured on the bills, was for going to a swell hotel; but for once Fred had held out for Sweeney's.

Let's go there as usual, he said. It was good enough for us in our humble days. Don't let 'em say we've got a case o' swell head 'cause we're featured now, girls.

All right, consented Mabel slowly. But I would like to sail into the dining-room at the Stafford in my hello princess. Oh, come on! Sweeney's is all right, I guess.

So they went to Sweeney's and Mrs. Sweeney was discussing vaudeville and making notes of Mabel's costume, when suddenly she saw Dora for the first time.

And who, she cried, is this little lady?

Mabel yawned.

Oh, that's my kid sister, Dora, she returned, we've taken her in our act. That's right—you haven't seen her before. Dora, Mrs. Sweeney's a particular friend of ours. Yes, I was thinking of dressing our act in raiisn this year, being as it's all the go; but, as I was saying—

two adjoining, the two girls the front one, and the men the little one in back of it—while the four dressed for dinner, gossip pertaining to the Allegrettis was pleasantly wafted through the party open door. Through same door came Mabel's voice, telling Will to wear his pink shirt and green tie, and begging Fred to comb his hair over his thin spot.

The dining-room doors were just opened when the Four Flying Zenos swept proudly out to the table. Mabel and Will went first, and Dora and Fred behind. To this arrangement Mabel said that for husband and wife to walk together showed provincialism, and that, besides, it might compromise Dora to have her walk with Will—folks talk so.

Mr. Allegretti and his new wife sat at the table with them, and a delightfully informal meal was enjoyed.

Just like old times, ain't it? cried Fred; and Allegretti nodded, his mouth full of corned beef and cabbage.

Oh, times have changed since then! cried Mabel, dimpling prettily. Fifteen per and six shows a day! Now we're featured and getting our little five hundred. We're going to buy a house at Asbury, Mrs. Allegretti, too.

I like Atlantic, myself; it's more cheerful, said Mabel Allegretti; and then they finished their second helping of lemon pie and left the dining-room.

Mabel always took a nap after dinner on Sunday, but Dora could not sleep in the daytime, and of course the men wouldn't. This particular afternoon Fred was to unpack Mabel's trunks for her, and afterward he and Will were going over to Allegretti's to play pitch. There was no program arranged for Dora.

Why not go down in the parlor and meet some of Mrs. Sweeney's guests? suggested Mabel.

No; but I think I'll go down to the door for a moment.

All right. Only don't stand on the steps and stare at the people. It's so common. Remember our position in the profession, m' dear.

Dora went out in the hall and started down the stairs. She heard the door open and close again, and Will joined her on the landing.

Well! he demanded, almost sullenly.

Dora kept on downstairs. I want to speak to you about something. Come down in the hall, she said quietly.

She led the way to the front hall, beyond the parlor door, where, at this hour, there was little chance of anybody coming in to disturb their talk.

Will leaned against the hat-rack. Dora faced him, her eyes hidden by their long lashes.

Well! he repeated.

I want to know how far this thing is going—where it's going to stop, demanded Dora.

A-h-h! I don't know what you mean! he said angrily.

Yes, you do! she insisted. You know what I mean. What are you going to do, Will?

He was quiet for a second, tapping the floor with his heavy shoes and digging his fists deep in his trouser pockets.

Dora, he said suddenly, you've made a mistake, m' dear. Honest, you're dead wrong! I can prove—

No, you can't, she insisted. Now, look here! I've got to know what you're going to do, or I shall go to Fred and tell him the truth. I don't want to tell him, God knows! she added miserably.

He won't believe you if I say you're lying! cried Will, a gleam of hope in his eyes. We're such good pals—

I think he will, she nodded. Yes, he'll believe me.

Again there was silence. The girl let her eyes rest for a moment on his weak handsome face, then turned away and looked through the lace-curtained, plate-glass door.

Will, she cried, a trifle unsteadily at last, I can't stand this much longer. It has got on my nerves. It frightens me when I think of it. You've got to play fair or I'll tell Fred or do something myself!

Now, Dora, he began, as the girl drew away from him, I will play fair, I swear it! I—I've been a fool, but—

You've been a knave! she interrupted roughly. How you have the heart to do such things—

Yes, I've been a knave; but what good would it do to tell Fred? Freddy and I are pretty good

pals, and—well, I'd swear my self black in the face you'd lied. I'll play on the level—honest.

She broke down and covered her face with her hands.

I don't know what to do! she sobbed. I'm miserable—!!!

You haven't said anything to Mabel, have you? he asked eagerly.

Yes, she knows, the girl nodded.

And what did she say?

Just what you say—and laughed. She laughs at everything—even at Fred, her husband. But I'm done telling you and her now. The next time I'm going to Fred. I tell you, Will, if you don't do the right thing—

I will—I swear it, Dora! he cried.

But you've lied before—she hesitated.

Yes. We've all lied before in our lives, I guess, kiddo, he said easily. Come now—I promise. In the future—

Swear it! she demanded.

I swear it, so help me! There, that's done! Now can I go up and play cards with the Allegrettis? Want to come along? All right, stay in the parlor. I'll send Mabel Allegretti down.

She watched him go, handsome, almost distinguished-looking, although he wore a ready-made suit and a glaring pink shirt that didn't look well with his ruddy complexion. He went up the stairs, two at a time, whistling, and Dora turned away, sick at heart.

She looked in the parlor. The Sisters DeRegney were entertaining the South Bend Musical Two in there, and all four persons looked daggers at her when she drew aside the fancy cotton portieres. She quickly turned away and started up the stairs. At the door of the Allegrettis room she stopped and listened. Yes, they were playing pitch in there—Two! Good! Three! Four!—and she breathed more freely, going up to her own room on the floor above.

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WHAT WE ARE OR ARE NOT

The longer we live, the more we learn, and the more we learn, the less we think we know. Such is the inconsistency of man's ideas. The less one knows the greater his opinion of his abilities and wisdom. In the morning of life a conceited man prides himself on his greatness, and wonders to what grand channel he will confine his talents. He looks upon his school district as the world at large, and himself as the great genius in whose keeping the world's future rests. He imagines that when he speaks, nations tremble, mountains totter and the sea becomes silent.

He imagines that a gaping and wondering populace are gazing on him with open-mouthed wonder and iron-clad astonishment, and that he holds the world in the hollow of his hand with a grasp that is perpetual.

But as days and months, and years pass in rapid succession, the young man finds out that he is possibly mistaken, and if he would wander away and get lost some one or more of all the people on the earth would not miss him. By and by he begins to realize that he is only one of the many millions of people, and instead of standing forth as the center of attraction, he only fills a small niche of some obscure corner, and really attracts but little attention. The ignorant man who realizes his ignorance and who does not seek to pass himself off for more than he is worth, is pardonable, but the self-conceited man who tries to pass himself off as a premium, is to be pitied. The best way is to hold one's self-esteem down and not rate himself too high. The man who climbs the highest has the farthest to fall.

It is more pleasant to be invited to take a higher seat than to be deprived of it. It is more pleasant to be king of a cottage than the servant of a palace. It is better to be a good five cent piece than a hope quarter; in other words, it is better to hold ourselves at what we are honestly worth. The world is full of people who never learn anything because they think they know enough to begin with. Thousands are teaching what they ought to be taught; thousands believe themselves wise when their ignorance is lamentable; thousands believe themselves clothed in gold when they are only thinly plated, and the copper shows through in many places. The wisest are comparatively ignorant and thousands of men who have grand ideas of their own abilities will some day wake up to the realization that they have been laboring under a large sized delusion. Many a young man's life is glided by bright dreams that come in the early stage of the game, but later on he finds that these dreams are only empty, and O, how little is the change when it comes!

To Can Asparagus

Put in bundles, each the size to fit in a jar, and cut off the stem end so the bundles are an inch and a half shorter than jar. Lay them in a saucepan, putting in the cut-off ends also. Boil until they begin to be tender, but not soft.

Take out, untie, and fit into the jars, stem end down. Set each jar on a perforated board in a boiler. Put in the small pieces cut off, add a teaspoonful of salt for each bunch to the water in which they were boiled and divide it among the jars. Bring up to boiling water till full. Put on the lids, but not the rubbers, pour around them hot water to the neck of the jar. Bring to a boil, and then with less heat boil steadily for half an hour. Take out one jar at a time, remove the top, put on a new rubber, after scalding it, and screw on the top. When all are done go over them and tighten the tops if needed. Set upside down in paper bags and put in a dark place. Keep standing on their heads and do not shake more than necessary.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

When hot dishes have made marks on your polished dining table rub with spirits of camphor. It will remove them.

Window glass, lamps and lamp glasses, marble and stone vases or mantels, granite sills, etc., if rubbed with salt, are quickly cleaned.

A little work basket in the guest room is often a great comfort and one of those little things which a guest particularly appreciates.

Always keep the inside of your coffee pot bright to insure good coffee. Boil it out occasionally with soap, water and wood ashes and scour thoroughly.

When cooking milk or soups of any kind always use a wooden spoon for stirring. Never use a tin spoon for this purpose, especially if the soup contains any acid, like tomatoes, as this unites with the tin and forms a poisonous compound.

A tiny piece of chamois leather sewed or stuck round the inside of the back of the shoe will prevent it from rubbing the heel. This plan will delay the appearance of holes in stockings.

To remove machine oil or axle grease, cover with lard and wash with soap and cold water. Finish with hot water and soap.

If mildew stains are fresh, wet in strong soda, cover with paste of salt and soap, and put in the sun.

When boiling fish, always have water enough to cover it.

Pies will be soggy if set on top of a hot stove after being baked.

Sprinkle salt on the bottom of the oven and your cakes will not burn.

Kerosene will remove grease from set bowls and porcelain lined sinks.

After cleaning ivory expose to the sun. This assists in bleaching it.

A reliable relief for a mosquito bite is the outside of a raw onion.

To prevent the umbrella jar from being broken, put a small rubber mat in the bottom.

Dried lemon peel sprinkled over coals will destroy any disagreeable odor about the house.

Linen stained by ink should be immediately dipped in buttermilk. Repeat this until the stain disappears.

To soften the old paint brushes you need last year put them in a can of coal oil. When soft they can be washed in warm suds.

A few drops of alcohol rubbed on the inside of lamp chimneys will remove all traces of greasy smoke when water alone is of no avail.

A few paper clips are invaluable in the sewing basket, for they may hold together scraps, pieces of patterns and bits of lace.

When mixing mustard for the table use boiling water and a pinch of salt. This will prevent the mustard from drying and caking.

The bluish cast which comes on finely polished furniture in damp weather may be removed by wiping with lukewarm water in which there is a tablespoonful of ammonia to a gallon of water.

Emery powder and oil made into a paste is an excellent mixture to clean steel. Rub on well and polish, after which rub with an oiled rag and then polish up again with a clean duster.

When you make coffee if you add a pinch of salt it will add to the flavor.

A fish bone stuck in the throat can often be dislodged by swallowing a raw egg or a raw oyster.

A little baking powder added to the cracker dust in which oysters are fried will greatly improve them.

When trimming underclothes with embroidery stitch along the edge of the collar. This will wear as long as the muslin and not look ragged.

When sweeping carpets use corn-meal dampened with kerosene oil. It freshens the color, takes out all dust, and is fine for the old edges of floor.

When hanging up the broom or dust-brush or dustpan use fine wire instead of cord. It not only looks better and wears longer than cord, which is soon soiled, but is much easier to hang the article up by. The time saved in slipping the wire over the hook will more than repay you for the trouble of providing it.

Glycerine is the most valuable cosmetic, as it whitens and softens moist skins, and also is a powerful bleacher.

To remove stains from broadcloth take one ounce of pipe clay that has been ground fine and mix it with 12 drops of alcohol, and the same quantity of spirits of turpentine. Moisten a little of this mixture with alcohol, and rub it on the spots. Let it remain until dry, then rub off with a woolen cloth and spots will disappear.

Slice bananas over the cereal and serve with milk or cream.

When beating the whites of eggs for any purpose the busy housewife will find it a saving of time, and the eggs will be stiffer and nicer in every way, if a pinch of salt is added before the beating begins.

For keeping clothes white put in the boiler three or four slices of lemon when the water is cold. It will do no injury to the clothes, but will whiten them beautifully.

If new gloves are placed between folds of a damp towel for an hour before being worn they are much easier to put on. The damp causes the kid to become more pliable so that the gloves will stretch to the required shape without cracking or splitting.

When doing up collars and cuffs put them in cold starch made by mixing two tablespoonfuls of starch with one pint of cold water. Just before ironing rub on each article a little soap, then with a clean white damp rag rub lightly on the right side a little prepared chalk. The iron will slide along and will give a lovely gloss.

It is not generally known that cabbage will be a better color and also that no small amount of present cooking it will, when it is boiled for about ten minutes, the water is poured off and fresh boiling water added, it then being cooked in the usual way until done.

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